NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND THE REASONS FOR IT

Madagascar

Blankets and Travelling Rugs

Supplement

The following communication, dated 22 February 2023 and received on 23 February 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Madagascar.

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Pursuant to Articles 7.2 and 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, Madagascar hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards of the initiation of a review investigation in respect of the extension of the safeguard measure on imports of blankets and travelling rugs.

# DATE OF INITIATION

The review investigation was initiated on 18 February 2023.

# PRODUCT UNDER CONSIDERATION

The products concerned are blankets and travelling rugs of all colours, dimensions and weights, generally of wool, animal hair, cotton or man-made fibres, with surfaces that are often brushed. They are imported into Madagascar under the tariff headings of the Harmonized System customs nomenclature: 63011000, 63012000, 63013000, 63014000 and 63019000.

The review investigation concerns all the products subject to the existing measure.

# WTO DOCUMENT REFERENCE OF NOTIFICATIONS

WTO documents containing notifications relating to:

* The definitive safeguard measure: G/SG/N/8/MDG/2 - G/SG/N/10/MDG/2 - G/SG/N/11/MDG/2/Suppl.2;
* The mid-term review investigation: G/L/1402 - G/SG/N/13/MDG/2.

#  REASONS FOR INITIATION OF THE REVIEW INVESTIGATION

The review investigation in respect of the extension of the safeguard measure applied to imports of blankets and travelling rugs was initiated following the submission of a petition by the domestic industry for this product.

The review investigation was initiated for the following reasons:

* the likelihood of recurrence of injury may be assessed in the light of how likely it is that imports will resume following the lifting of the measure;
* in addition, massive investment by the main country exporting blankets and travelling rugs, points to a significant increase in imports of the product in the event that the safeguard measure is lifted;
* the domestic industry is in the process of making adjustments so as to improve its competitiveness.

# OTHER INFORMATION

Interested parties must make themselves known to the National Authority for Trade Remedies (ANMCC), the investigating authority, within 30 days of the initiation of the investigation.

Any information or comments that interested parties may wish to submit to the ANMCC, as well as requests for questionnaires, should be submitted in writing to the address below within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

Replies to questionnaires and any relevant information must be sent to the ANMCC within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

If information requested from interested parties in connection with the investigation is not provided within the specified time frame, decisions will be based on the best information available.

# FURTHER INFORMATION

Requests for further information and correspondence regarding the investigation must be sent to:

**Monsieur Le Directeur Général de l'ANMCC**

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